

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, November 14, 2005 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Davalos called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Davalos  
Treasurer Duba  
Commissioner Freeman  
Commissioner Jernigan  
Commissioner Mummey  
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of audience followed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Davalos reported the following:

- She attended a Cal State Northridge Global Peace and Justice Conference regarding peace, activism and social justice.
- She attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Los Angeles Awards Gala hosted by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. The honorees were John Mack, Elizabeth Padilla, Mario Obledo, L.A. City Council and CRA Commission, and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa was the inspirational keynote speaker.
- She also attended Unity Feast, which included various cultures from Glendale and Los Angeles.
- She attended the Association of California Commissions for Women quarterly meeting on November 4, 2005 in San Mateo, CA. She viewed and ordered the DVD, *The Passion to Lead* from Assemblymember Wilma Chan's office that she would like to Commission to see.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m. during the President's Report, constituting a quorum).

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Duba reported on the expenditures for the month of October, 2005. The beginning balance for October was \$22,605.06; expenditures were \$310.40; income was \$0; and the ending balance was \$22,294.66. The monthly spending allowance for November, 2005 is \$2,786.83.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported the following:

- Nyla Jefferson, staff, is now creating the agenda and agenda packets under the direction of President Davalos. Please submit any agenda requests and documentation to her for the President's review and approval.
- Staff has a DVD presentation of the Women of the Year Awards Reception on June 6, 2005. Commissioners Freeman, Pinedo and ZeBrack expressed interest in viewing the DVD.

(Commissioners Creary, Lesser, Pinedo, and ZeBrack joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. during the Staff Report).

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Vice President Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Duba, and unanimously carried, the minutes of October 24, 2005 were approved with the following corrections: Under the heading "Consider \$500 Donation to Project Angel Food," move Commissioner ZeBrack's name from Naves to Ayes and move Commissioner Freeman's name from Ayes to Naves.

### **APPROVE RENEWAL OF NACW MEMBERSHIP**

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Vice President Lesser and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expense of \$50 to renew the National Association of Commissions for Women annual membership.

### **UPDATE ON PAVING THE WAY FOR PHYSICALLY FIT AND HEALTHY CHILDREN: FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cindy Harding, M.P.H., Director of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Programs, Department of Health Services, provided a report on Efforts to Address Overweight and Obesity in Los Angeles County. Her PowerPoint presentation consisted of data and statistics on overweight and obese people living in the United States, then concluded with recommendations from the County's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Children and Youth Physical Fitness Report. She noted in 2000 the second cause of death in the U.S. was poor diet and physical activity that it is in direct correlation to the rise in numbers of children and young people that are overweight. Ms. Harding also emphasized the six recommendations from the Physical Activity and Nutrition Task Force Report. In conclusion, she asked the Commission to support the proposed County Food Policy, obesity prevention legislation and to encourage the Commission's community partners and supporters to become involved. She also invited the Commission to their monthly Community/County Collaborations that will be held on December 9, 2005 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles.

Commissioner Duba, Chair of the 5K Run/Walk Committee, spoke on the inactivity of young people and would like to collaborate with the Health Department.

President Davalos thanked Ms. Harding for her informative presentation.

**CONSIDER TABLING APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Vice President Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to table the recommendations to the Trust Fund Criteria until the President places it on the agenda.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2005 COMMISSION RETREAT**

On motion of Vice President Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Jernigan, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the 2005-06 Retreat in Review Report and recommendations with the following corrections: 1) Move item number one, Streamlining Events Economically and Efficiently, from Past Objectives to 2005-2006 Recommended Goals; 2) add Status Report to Past Objectives; 3) add Status Report to Selected Goals for 2005-2006 (Strategic Goals to Follow); and 4) remove Commissioner ZeBrack's name from the Education Committee's Commissioners/Participants List. The Commission also suggested having warm food served at the next retreat.

**APPROVE CHANGES TO COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Vice President Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the draft, 2005 Committee Structure for the Commission for Women with the following corrections: 1) Add Commissioner Pinedo to the Media/Public Relations Committee Members list; 2) under Health Committee move Commissioner Rodriguez's name to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Vice President Lesser's name to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; and 3) add Commissioner Pinedo to the Education Committee Members list. Names for First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair are still needed on the Domestic Violence and Education Committees.

**SELECT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES OR OTHER VALID DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$500 DONATIONS**

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the donations of \$500 to the Jenesse Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, and Rainbow Services, 4<sup>th</sup> District. Commissioners representing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts will provide names of recommended organizations at the next meeting.

### **SELECT SITE FOR HOLIDAY GATHERING AND APPROVE UP TO \$600 FOR EXPENSES**

Following discussion and the review of the restaurant locations, on motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved up to \$600 for expenses for the holiday gathering. The holiday gathering will be held after the Commission's regular meeting on December 12, 2005 at 12:30 p.m.

### **APPROVE EXPENSES UP TO \$500 TO HOST THE ACCW QUARTERLY MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2006**

On motion of Vice President Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Jernigan and unanimously carried, the Commission approved hosting the ACCW quarterly meeting on February 10, 2006 with expenses not to exceed \$500. The Commission suggested having warm food served. After it was agreed that the Commission's staff's only responsibility would be to obtain hotel information for traveling guests, President Davalos agreed to administer the quarterly meeting.

### **A ROSA PARKS' TRIBUTE AND DISCUSSION ON HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Commissioner Freeman recommended a tribute to Rosa Parks at the Commission for Women's March 2006 Awards Luncheon. Some Awards Luncheon Committee Members concurred and will consider the tribute. Commissioner Creary asked to adjourn the Commission for Women's meeting in Rosa Parks' honor.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health Committee:** Commissioner Creary announced the next Health Committee would meet November 28, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830. She will provide an article on the national online Organ Donors Program that is considered to be a faster and more reliable organ transplant service.

**Domestic Violence Committee:** Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Committee meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830. She noted that she will compile bullet points on materials regarding the County's DV program for the committee to review and report to the Commission in January 2006.

**Legislative Committee:** Commissioner Jernigan spoke on legislation designed to prevent special elections. She also thanked Twila Kerr, staff, for assisting her with the Status Report.

**Education Committee:** Commissioner Becerra-Jones announced that the Education Committee would meet on November 16, 2005 to discuss the scholarship orientation and reception program. On December 2, 2005 the Nomination Committee will review the scholarship applications. She also announced that the Scholarship Awards Program will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

### **Finance/Special Events Committee**

- **5K Run/Walk Subcommittee:** Treasurer Duba announced the final 5k wrap-up meeting on November 14, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 830. The Scholarship Awards Program will be held on January 10, 2006 and the Board of Supervisors presentation will be at 9:30 a.m.
- **Awards Luncheon Subcommittee:** Vice President Lesser is the Awards Luncheon Subcommittee Chair. The next meeting is December 12, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Genevieve Clavreul reported on Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital and the consultant Navigant.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Pinedo announced a comedy show featuring Edwin Rodriguez to be held on November 17, 2005 to save an East Los Angeles community center. A \$50 donation was requested.

Commissioner Rodriguez attended the following:

- The California Governor's Conference on October 27, 2005 in Long Beach, CA.
- Funeral Service of Congressman Ed Roybal at Our Lady of the Angel Cathedral on October 31, 2005.
- The ACCW Quarterly Meeting on November 3-5, 2005 in San Mateo, CA.
- A meeting with Debi Biederman of the Mid Wilshire Domestic Violence Collaborative at the Plum Tree Inn on November 11, 2005.

Commissioner Creary attended the following:

- The California Governor's Conference on October 27, 2005 in Long Beach, CA.
- The Sister to Sister, Everyone has a Heart - Exec. Leadership Breakfast & Health Screening at the Pacific Design Center in West Hollywood, CA on November 9, 2005.
- The Sister to Sister – Healthy Lifestyles Seminar at the Consolidated Board in Los Angeles, CA on November 12, 2005.

Vice President Lesser attended the following:

- The Office of Women's Health Health Summit Committee meeting regarding their upcoming event in May 2007 on November 9, 2005.
- A meeting with legislator Judy Chu at the Office of Women's Health on November 14, 2005

Commissioner Mummey attended the following:

- A Santa Monica Bar Association lecture on "Dementia and its Treatment" on November 10, 2005.
- The California Retired Teachers meeting to discuss the election on October 11, 2005.

- The California Governor's Conference on October 27, 2005 in Long Beach, CA.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA:** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 12:12 p.m. in memory of Civil Rights Leader Rosa Parks and Congressman Ed Roybal.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

Karin Davalos, President  
Charlotte Lesser, Vice President  
Reiko Duba, Treasurer  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D  
Peggy J. Freeman  
Ruth Jernigan  
Janet Mummey, Esq.  
Michelle Pinedo  
Olivia Rodriguez  
Elise ZeBrack

#### **EXCUSED**

Wadie Gravely  
Barbara Perkins

#### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Sandra Barbee, Executive Office  
Steve Erickson, Executive Office  
Gwen Evans, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance  
Eloisa Gonzales, Health Services  
Cindy Harding, Health Services  
Nyla Jefferson, Executive Office  
Twila Kerr, Executive Office  
Gema Morales-Meyer, Health Services

#### **GUESTS**

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul  
Anita Keneipp, Health Net  
Barbara Turner, UC Davis